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1. IN COURSE OF FLIGHT FROM HELSINKI WITH PRIME MINISTER
CARAMANLIS, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TALKED WITH GREEK NEWSMENP

WHO LATER REPORTED HIS VIEW THAT WHILE HELSINKI CONFERENCE
GAVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A CLEAR PICTURE OF
CYPRUS PROBLEM TO OTHER NATIONAL LEADERS, HE WAS NOT ABLE
TO SAY THAT "WE ARE GETTING ANY CLOSER TO FINDING A SOLUTION". HE
NOTED THAT TURKISH ACTIONS DURING HELSINKI CONFERENCE WERE
NOT MET WITH FAVORABLY AND THAT TURKEY IS STILL RATHER
ISOLATED. REGARDING THE EC NINE INITIATIVE, HE DECLARED
IT HAD BEEN MADE QUITE CLEAR THAT ITS GOAL WOULD BE "TO
ASSIST IN THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE UN", AND WAS NOT INTENDED
TO REPLACE THAM. MAKARIOS STRESSED THAT "THE CYPRUS ISSUE
WILL REMAIN, UNTIL IT IS SOLVED, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN".

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2. UPON ARRIVAL ATHENS AIRPORT AUGUST 3, GREEK CYPRIOT

REPRESENTATIVE AT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CLERIDES GAVE STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN. HE RECOUNTED MAIN POINTS OF AGREEMENT REACHED AT JUST CONCLUDED VIENNA TALKS (REFTEL) AND STATED THAT PRIOR TO NEXT ROUND OF TALKS IN NEW YORK HE WOULD MEET WITH DENKTASH IN CYPRUS TO DETERMINE WHERE "DIFFERENCES" LAY IN THEIR APPROACHES TO OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

3. WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE FELT "MORE OPTIMISTIC" NOW THAN BEFORE, CLERIDES REPLIED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SAY THERE IS "A BETTER CLIMATE". HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SUCH CLIMATE WOULD BE MAINTAINED UNTIL NEXT ROUND OF TALKS IN SEPTEMBER. WHEN QUERIED AS TO WHETHER EC NINE INITIATIVE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS FINDING JUST SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM, CLERIDES SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT COULD HELP AS LONG AS IT DID NOT REMOVE THE CYPRUS ISSUE FROM PRESENT FRAMEWORK, I.E., THE UN AND TALKS HELD IN PRESENCE OF SYG WALDHEIM.
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